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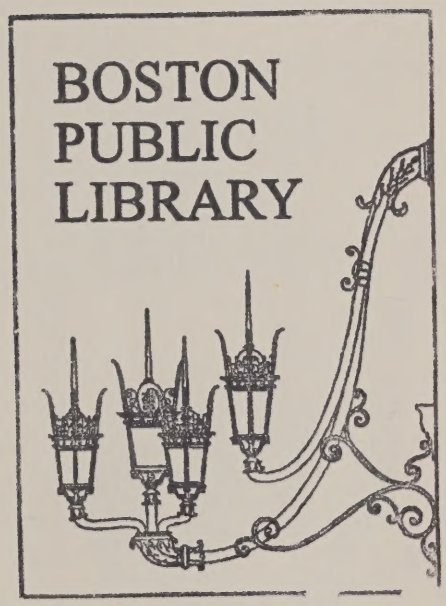

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FROM Dick Joslin

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After reading the drafts for two years, and now going over again the last ten of thirteen chapters, I am down to nit-picking questions.

As it stands, the document is a much needed status report with some modest proposals. Although there may be those who criticize it, I don't think it is productive to spend much more time qualifying, modifying and generally weakening it.

When we started in '73, there were a dozen ideas that I wanted to present in this effort:

1) Emphasize mass transit

2) Building a transportation center

3) Street closings

4) No more street widenings

5) No new garages or parking lots except at the periphery

6) Improve the "walkable city"

7) System of mini-parks and tree plantings

8) Urban design guidelines for development

9) A structure for community involvement

10) Landmarks Commission

11) Transfer development rights to spur rehab and squelch speculation

12) No highrises above twenty stories

If we start over, let's start here.

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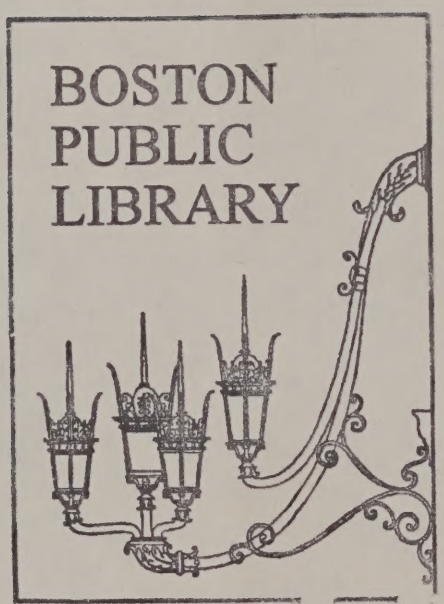
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